

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, and 21-27 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, and 21-27 are canceled and claims 28-48 are added. Accordingly, claims 28-48 are at issue in the above-identified application.

I. 35 U.S.C. §102 Anticipation Rejection of Claims

Claims 1, 7-8, 14-15, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C §102(b) as being anticipated by *Person et al.* (“Special Edition Using Microsoft(R) Word 97,” 1997, hereinafter “*Person*”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection with respect to new claims 28-48.

Person fails to teach every limitation of claim 28, and therefore cannot anticipate claim 28. For example, *Person* fails to teach “storing style information in a first record” and “storing the text and run information in a second record”. As Applicants have previously explained, *Person* contains no discussion of how the style templates and text are stored. See *Person*, p. 16-18. In fact, *Person* does not even mention a storing step. In response, the Examiner argues that *Person* discloses two types of styles that apply to text, character, and paragraph styles, and that both character and paragraph styles are associated with text. Regardless of whether those assertions are true, neither rebuts Applicants’ argument that *Person* fails to teach storing style information in a first record and storing text information in a second record. Moreover, *Person* contains nothing that could be construed as “run information” within the context of the present application.

Furthermore, *Person* fails to teach “extracting style information from the word processing document.” The Examiner asserts with respect to canceled claim 22 that extraction is taught by *Person* at pages 12 and 16. The Examiner contends that “the document associates styles with

characters in paragraphs. The style applied to a selected paragraph is associated with the paragraph, and they are stored when a document is saved.” However, Applicants fail to see how the Examiner’s assertions could relate to the limitation “extracting style information from the word processing document.” *Person* does not disclose extracting style information from a word processing document. Associating a style with a document and extracting style information from a document are entirely different. See, *e.g.*, page 14, lines 4-10 of the patent application.

Accordingly, *Person* fails to anticipate claim 28. Claims 35 and 42 are not anticipated by *Person* for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is not anticipated by *Person*. Claims 29-34, 36-41, and 43-48 depend from claims 28, 35, and 42, respectively, and are therefore patentable for at least the same reasons.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

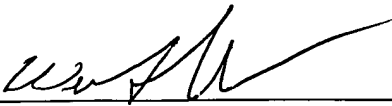
Claims 23, 25, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Person* in view of *Tan et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,078,920, hereinafter *Tan*). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection with respect to new claims 28-48. Applicants respectfully submit that *Tan* does not teach or suggest those limitations of claims 28, 35, and 42 that are absent in *Person*. Thus, the rejection should be withdrawn.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, Applicants submit that all claims are allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

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